

COUNCIL HOLDS SESSION

City Fathers Consider a Number of Matters at Regular Meeting Last Night—Small Volume of Business Presented

As will be seen by the official proceedings, the meeting of the City Council last night was minus animation, the business presented being disposed of in a practical manner and with but little interchange of opinion. Appropriations totaling \$12,537.50 were made. Of this amount, however, \$10,000 is for schools for the fiscal year 1916-1917, it being a temporary loan. Most of the other appropriations were for road work.

Board of Aldermen
Six members of the upper board were present last night, and most of the hour and a half they were in the chamber was spent in recesses. No new business was presented; hence it was necessary to wait for papers from the Common Council.

When the report of the committees on finance and general laws requesting the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company to place free phones in certain public institutions was received, Mr. Robinson stated that he saw no reason why two should be in the city alms house. The Capital City Company had placed a free phone in that institution, and the Bell phone should be taken out and placed in some other public building. He moved that the Bell phone at the alms house be cut out.

Mr. Wilkins agreed with Mr. Robinson, but Mr. Ballenger was averse to taking out the phone, and gave his reasons for its retention.

After some interchange of opinion, Mr. Robinson's motion was lost, and the action of the common council concurred in.

When a communication from Dr. E. A. Gorman, Health Officer, asking an appropriation of \$260 for office help, was received from the Common Council, that body having referred it to the finance committee, Mr. Ballenger suggested that it should be referred to the joint committees on health and finance. He made a motion that the Aldermen refuse to concur and refer the paper to both committees. His motion prevailed.

After the Aldermen had concurred in the action of the lower board on all other papers sent in, they adjourned.

Common Council

Just before council adjourned Councilman Albert Bryan, chairman of the finance committee, served notice that there is pending before the joint committee on finance, general laws and fire a communication from a citizens' committee composed of members of the chamber of commerce, retail merchants' association and a committee of members of council asking that the city install a fire alarm system, more adequate water supply for fighting fires, electric and building inspectors, etc., and he said that the committee expected to make a report on the matter at the next meeting at which time he said he would ask for a joint session of both bodies for the purpose of airing the matter.

It was explained by Councilman Bryan that the foregoing recommendations made by the committee are simply recommendations made by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The latter board he said he had been informed would put Alexandria on a second class fire insurance rating instead of on a first class rating on which it is now carried unless its recommendations are carried out.

Councilman Bales wanted to know if police patrol was considered when the question of fire alarm system was taken up. He was informed by Councilman Bryan that that part had been taken up by the fire committee.

An appropriation of \$512.50 was made to reimburse the town of Colonial Beach, Va., for taxes collected by this city from the Potomac and Chesapeake Steamboat Company which that town is entitled to.

This action was taken on the recommendation of the finance and general laws committee following the receipt of a communication from T. F. Mason, treasurer of that town, asking for reimbursement.

It was explained by Councilman Bryan that in 1914 this company transferred its offices from Alexandria to the town of Colonial Beach.

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THE FEMALE STRANGER

Anniversary of Death of Young Wife Who Expired in Her Husband's Arms in the Old City Hotel, October 11, 1816

Residents of Alexandria and visitors to our city have passed and repassed the tomb of the "Female Stranger," in St. Paul's Cemetery during the past one hundred years. It is as interesting to the visitor who stops and reads the inscription as is that on the tomb of Charlotte Temple in Trinity Churchyard, New York. The epitaph is as follows:

To the Memory of a
FEMALE STRANGER.

Whose mortal sufferings terminated On the 11th day of October, 1816. Aged 23 years and 8 months. This Stone is placed here by her disconsolate husband, in whose arms she sighed out her latest breath, and who, under God, did his utmost even to sooth the cold dull ear of death.

"How lov'd, how lov'd once avails thee not,
To whom related, or by whom begot,
A heap of dust alone remains of thee,
Tis all thou art and all the proud shall be."

"To Him gave all the Prophets witness that through His name whose ever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins."—Acts, 10 chap. 43 verse.

There is an apocryphal story to the effect that a gentleman, accompanied by a lady very ill, arrived at Alexandria and put up at the City Hotel. She remained in her room until her death on October 11. Her husband was very taciturn, and gave no information as to himself or family. After the death of the lady he purchased the lot above referred to and erected the tomb, giving in payment of his debt drafts on England (which then were current) and was never again heard of, although it is claimed by some old people that he was seen in prison in a Northern State. The incident led to the publication in 1869 by the late Wm. F. Carne of a most interesting story, entitled, "Narrative of John Trust."

During the past century many stories have been recited concerning this tomb. Old people were wont to tell us remarkable yarns to the effect that after the tomb had been neglected for years it would suddenly appear in a cleanly condition banked with flowers, with grass and weeds cleared from the enclosure. No one could be found who witnessed the garniture, and it was whispered that a stranger was wont to appear at the sepulchre on dark nights and employ some one to do the work.

It was also reported that the tomb was more imposing at first than at present, and that an iron railing was originally placed around the enclosure.

The most generally accepted story concerning the "Female Stranger" is that she was the daughter of an English nobleman who had married a man beneath her in social standing, and that she had fled to America with her husband, where she would be unknown. Another makes the man an offspring of nobility who had wedded a woman below his station in life. The poetry upon the slab seems to suggest the latter.

The tomb, however, still remains as mute as the Sphinx of Egypt, and will doubtless remain so until that day when that which has been done in secret shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Commences at Sundown Tonight and Will Continue More than a Week.

Succoth, or The Feast of the Tabernacles, will commence at Sundown tonight and will be continued for eight days by the members of the Reformed and for nine days by those of the Orthodox Jewish congregations of Alexandria.

In Sarepta Hall, the Orthodox Jew will hold services at 7:30 o'clock tonight and at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. These will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Abram Finkelstein, of Philadelphia. The Orthodox congregation will hold a service in its synagogue, 206 north Washington street, at 7:30 o'clock tonight. This will be conducted by Benedict Weil, president of the congregation.

There will be no other special services, other than the usual weekly ones, until the close of the Feast.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Mr. Elmer Thompson, of South Fairfax street, left this morning for Baltimore, where he will spend four days with relatives.

Judge Earley of the Corporation Court has ordered a special grand jury for Monday, October 23.

At a meeting of the music section of the Cameron Club held on Tuesday afternoon in the residence of Mrs. Matthew W. O'Brien, it was decided to study the music and composers of England, France, Germany and Italy during the coming season.

The Committee working in aid of the Alexandria Hospital met yesterday afternoon in the home of its leader, Mrs. Frank King. Among other activities the members of the committee are engaged in encouraging the soliciting the collection of old newspapers. It is announced that all who are desirous of helping the hospital in this way may leave or send paper of this description to the home of Miss Ramey, 110 South Alfred street.

The steamer Jean arrived at this port yesterday, from Boca Grande, Florida, bringing a cargo of five thousand tons of phosphate rock for the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company. The Jean will clear for the return trip the latter part of the week.

GIVEN SIX MONTHS IN JAIL.

Annie Lee, Who Has Been Drifting About the City Again in Police Court.

Several years ago, when the "red light" district of Alexandria was eliminated, a woman named Annie Lee, found herself homeless and, refusing the assistance of many good people in this city, preferred to continue her life as an itinerant. She lodged at different places until her conduct became so bold that the police were forced to intervene and bring her before the Police Court. She was given terms in jail, but upon promising to leave the city, was liberated several times. She soon reappeared in our midst, and during the early summer she was arraigned and sent to jail under the vagrant act.

On last Saturday night Officers Campbell and Reed ascertained that she had taken up her abode in a lumber yard. They were soon on her track, but the woman managed to elude them by replying to the northern section of the city. The officers finally located her, and this morning she was again before the bar. Justice Caton sent her to jail for six months.

ANNUAL MEETING YESTERDAY.

Richmond, Oct. 11.—John Kerr Branch of Richmond, Odrian Iseli, jr., Charles and Edmund D. Randolph, of New York, were re-elected as directors of Southern Railway Co., for a term of three years; at the annual meeting of the stockholders held here yesterday. The meeting was open to the public and there was a large attendance of individual stockholders. The annual report of the officers was submitted and approved. Special discussion was given to the matter of the payment of dividends on the preferred stock at the close of which resolutions approving the policy of withholding dividends for the present were passed. In the annual report it was stated that the damage to the property of the company, occasioned by the storms of July was estimated at approximately \$1,250,000 without taking into account loss of traffic or cost of detouring trains.

Notice

Members of the Alexandria Armor Plant Committee are requested to meet at the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow (Thursday) morning at ten o'clock in order to proceed to Washington in a body. All those having automobiles are requested to have them at the corner of King and Washington streets at ten o'clock in order to convey all the members of the committee who are to go.

Hard and soft shell crabs on sale at the Rammel Hotel Cafe.

In the Corporation Court today in the suit of Ethel Dent Grimes vs. Goldsboro K. Heflin, in which the plaintiff alleges she entrusted money with the defendant who was to place the same in a bank, the jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff, awarding her the sum of \$450.

Tomorrow is Columbus Day and in many states, among them Massachusetts and New York, it is observed as a legal holiday.

Able L. Cohen was one of those who were fortunately shrewd enough to avoid being deceived by William Carroll, alias Davis, who was arrested the day before yesterday, for passing spurious checks. The man selected a suit and tendered a check but Mr. Cohen retained the suit until he could obtain verification of the check.

A special train is being arranged for Friday, October 20th, to carry all who may wish to attend the Gypsy Smith revival meeting at Charlottesville. It is thought that about 320 will make the trip. Those desiring to go should notify either of the following named persons: Charles King, John Trimyer, Bishop Arnold, Judge Barley, Samuel Pitts, George K. Bender, George Evans, W. A. Melchoir, or H. W. Wade.

AMERICA'S WARNING

Grave Consequences May Follow Attacks upon U. S. Submarine

Washington, Oct. 11.—The United States Government in a solemn note of warning has served notice on Great Britain, France, Russia and Japan that they must accept the grave consequences which will follow any attack on American submarines resulting from the allied campaign against German U-boats.

Publication by the State Department of this note of warning to the entente powers has made it plain that the operation of German submarines off the American coast carries with it the gravest peril to American neutrality this nation has faced during the war.

The newly announced position of the United States was taken in response to a warning by the allied powers that there was danger of attack by allied warships on neutral submarines if neutrals permitted German submarines to enter their waters, since it might be impossible to distinguish between neutral and enemy submarines.

Secretary of State Lansing regarded this as a threat and in response to the allied memoranda served this counter-warning:

"In order, however, that there should be no misunderstanding as to the attitude of the United States, the Government of the United States announces to the allied powers that it holds it to be the duty of belligerent powers to distinguish between submarines of neutral and belligerent nationality, and that the responsibility for any conflict that may arise between belligerent warships and neutral submarines on account of the neglect of a belligerent to distinguish between these classes of submarines must rest entirely upon the negligent power."

The exchange of memoranda took place after the German submarine Deutschland entered port at Baltimore and the British government sought to have the United States order its internment as a warship. Neither the Allies note nor the American reply was then made public, however.

IN MEMORIAM

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear mother, Mrs. Mary F. Butler, who departed this life 13 years ago today, October 11th, 1903.

I never knew the pain you bore, dear mother,
I did not see you die.
I only knew you passed away,
And know you did not fear to die.
If I had seen you at last, dear mother,
(And held your dying hand,
And heard the last words from your lips,
I would not feel so sad.

By her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Harrington.

Miss Edith Roland and Mr. Wolfred Robinson, both of Alexandria, were married Oct. 4 by Rev. Eugene J. Connelly at the residence of Cardinal Gibbons in Baltimore.

On account of the Masonic bazaar the board of directors of the Childrens Home will meet at 7:30 tomorrow evening. Every member is requested to be present.

Mrs. John T. Long, mother of Evans Long, of this city, died at the Staunton hospital on Monday. She was about 60 years old and had been ill some time. Burial was at Harrisonburg.

The Home Departments of the various Sunday Schools of the city met in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church last night to listen to the review of the last quarter's lessons by Hon. James R. Caton. All of the Sunday Schools were represented.

The following officers were elected at the meeting of Alexandria Chapter Red Cross held at the Chamber of Commerce this morning: Mrs. Geo. P. Anderson, chairman; Mrs. F. Erwin Ludwig, vice chairman; Mrs. A. H. Oliver, secretary; Mrs. E. A. Gorman, treasurer. The executive committee is: Rev. Edgar Carpenter; Rev. E. B. Jackson; Mrs. J. A. Hulfish, Miss Esther P. Brookes, and Dr. E. A. Gorman.

ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY

Meeting of Board of Managers Held Yesterday in Home of Mrs. Monroe.

The annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Alexandria Library was held at the residence of Mrs. S. L. Monroe, yesterday. The reports from the various officers show that the affairs of the library are in a very satisfactory condition.

The public reading room, which has become quite a feature of the library, has had a liberal patronage during the past year, especially from the public school children, who go there for reference work in connection with their studies. Many of the current magazines and current newspapers, including the Gazette, can be found in the reading room and anyone using this may have access to all the books in the library. There is no charge for the use of this.

Miss Green, the librarian, is always on hand while the library is open and is always glad to aid those seeking information.

The subscription department is constantly being replenished with most of the new books and the Board is at all times willing to comply with any reasonable demand for books that may not be on the shelves.

During the past year 6,622 volumes were in circulation. These figures do not include the many periodicals loaned. The library is now located on the second floor of Lee Camp Hall, Prince street. The cost of membership is very low.

AEROPLANES SWEEP OCEAN

Submarine Net Will be Spread From Nantucket by British

New York, Oct. 11.—British aeroplanes are reported sweeping the Atlantic in search for the German submarine U-53 and others which may have accompanied her.

According to reports received here today the "submarine hawk" put out from Halifax and sped away for the vicinity in which the captain of the Greek steamer Patris reported yesterday he was stopped by the raider. The submarine net will be spread far in either direction from Nantucket British officials intimate. They believe Captain Rose may turn southward, expecting to find there unprotected allied shipping to prey upon.

About 25 per cent of the passages booked on the Adriatic, which sails tomorrow, have been canceled, according to estimates at the steamship offices.

The Philadelphia and the Minnehaha also sail tomorrow, giving rise to reports that they may sail at the same hour and be met by British cruisers as a patrol outside the three-mile limit.

Supper will be served at Armory Hall each evening during the bazaar at 6 o'clock. There will also be dancing every night.

EASTERN STAR NIGHT

Ladies' Auxiliary to Attend Masonic Bazaar This Evening—Band Coming Over From Washington—Lively Contest for Silver Cup.

Everyone present at the Masonic bazaar last evening entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion and as a result all enjoyed the program given.

Much interest is being shown in the beautiful silver loving cup presented by President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern Railway. Every railroad man is eligible to enter this contest, both electric and steam roads, and while none of the electric railway men or men of the R. F. and P. Railroad have entered the contest it is understood that many of them will do so at an early date. The vote last night stood as follows:

E. Fuller 6; W. L. Finks 13; E. F. Tier 37; E. H. Kemper 11; K. L. Lambert 6; C. R. Keith 2; C. E. Dare 3; L. O. Hardin 44.

Every lover of good music should attend the bazaar tonight. The Fraternity band of the Lamb's Skin Club of Washington, consisting of forty pieces will be in attendance and furnish the music for the occasion. This now famous organization, composed entirely of members of the Masonic order, was instituted primarily for the sole purpose of amusing and entertaining its own members and without the slightest expectation of reaching even a measure of distinction in the world of music. But under the hands of skillful and accomplished leaders it has developed the highest order of talent. Each member has his separate daily vocation, and music to them is in the nature of recreation or a work of love. Answering every call for charitable, benevolent or patriotic purposes whenever possible to do so, they render service of a high order of merit.

It is to be hoped that Alexandria, admittedly the most renowned Masonic community in America, will be present in large numbers at Armory Hall to give cordial greeting to these talented visitors, who are unselfishly donating their service to further an object of vital interest, not only to masons but to every citizen who cherishes our old city's past and hopes for equally as brilliant a future. The band will probably leave the train at Henry street or some other uptown point and march down King to Armory Hall arriving there at about 8 o'clock.

The ladies of Alexandria-Washington Lodge have decided to furnish a business men's lunch on Friday and Saturday of this week from 11:30 to 2 o'clock, and the indications are that a large number of business men will avail themselves of this opportunity to assist the bazaar. This booth also serves supper every evening after six o'clock.

MRS. FORNEY WINS DIVORCE

Wife of Former Washington Attorney Resumes Name of Florence Schneider.

Judge Louis C. Barley in the Corporation Court, yesterday granted Mrs. Florence Schneider Forney an absolute divorce, with permission to resume her maiden name of Florence Schneider. The defendant in the case, Thomas G. Forney, is now serving an indeterminate sentence of from four to eight years in the Western Penitentiary, of Pennsylvania for an attack upon his wife's father. He was formerly a Washington attorney. Recently Miss Schneider has been living in Alexandria in the home of the Rev. John Lee Allison. She will in future make her home with her parents in Washington.

Miss Schneider was represented by Frederick P. Russell, of this city and L. B. Perkins, of Washington. Judge Barley declared that all the allegations in the bill of complaint were amply proved.

Fourteen men, women and children were buried under falling brick, beams and plaster early today, when two buildings, 32 and 34 West Cross street, Baltimore, collapsed. By a marvel, only two persons were hurt, and these slightly.

Oysters in all styles at the Rammel Cafe, tomorrow Sept. 1st.

SUSPECT'S CONFESSION

William Carroll, Arrested Yesterday on Suspicion of Uttering Worthless Checks Makes Statement Concerning His Career in Other Places

Justice Caton sized up William Carroll correctly yesterday morning, in the Police Court. He is wanted elsewhere, in Brockton, Mass., according to his own statement. Carroll was taken in custody Monday afternoon by Chief Goods and Sergeant Wilkinson on the charge of uttering checks, suspected of being worthless, and obtaining goods and money upon one.

Justice Caton ordered the prisoner to be held ten days, he divining that he might be in demand elsewhere. After having been locked up he made the following statement in the presence of Chief Goods:

"I am 38 years old, married and my home is in Lynn, Mass. I was at one time employed by the Enterprise Shoe Company of Lynn, subsequently I became an attaché of a real estate firm of that city. During my career with that firm I swindled a woman named Lynn out of one thousand dollars in a real estate deal, after which I left Lynn for Chicago, and after living in that city, Cleveland, Detroit, and New York, I went to Boston, where I was arrested in January, 1913, and sent to the state prison for two years. I later returned to Lynn, when my wife turned me out of the house, after which I went to Brockton, Mass., where I put out checks to the amount of \$40. I am now wanted at that place."

Carroll, after telling of visiting certain other cities on the Atlantic seaboard, says he appeared at Harper's Ferry, where he deposited a check for \$200 in the bank at that place and procured a bank book. He left Harper's Ferry and reached Washington on October 6, where he remained until the 9th, when he proceeded to Alexandria. His exploits in this city were told in yesterday's Gazette.

ANNOYED BY BOYS.

Storekeeper Has Three Mischievous Youths Arraigned in the Police Court.

The proprietor of a grocery store in the northern section of the city was the complainant against three boys who were before the Police Court this morning. He alleged that the youths were an incessant annoyance to him, disturbing his chickens and playing other pranks at his expense. He alleged that last night they procured ammunition from a passing wagon and when he appeared at his door to protest against their disorderly procedures he was met with a shower of shell-corn.

The officers testified that the conduct of the boys around the corner was a source of chronic complaint.

Justice Caton dismissed the prisoners with an admonition, telling them that should they again be brought before him fines would be imposed.

The eldest of the trio was thirteen years of age. Cases against juveniles are the most annoying that come before the Police Court, and the parents of such offenders should take a hand in the matter and not allow their young ones to roam the streets or gather at corners at night. It is not the best schooling children can attain at a time when their minds are in a plastic state. They should be taught early that people have rights they are bound to respect.

It will Pay Advertisers to Watch The Gazette—Its Circulation is Climbing each day.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of Alexandria Canton No. 1, at I. O. O. F. Hall, north Columbus street, Thursday evening, October 12, at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present in fatigue uniform. By order of H. E. Webb, Commander. 237-23

Junior Guard I. O. R. M.

All boys between the ages of 13 and 18 years, five feet tall and over wishing to join the Junior Guard, will meet Mr. Nicklin, at his residence 319 south Pitt street, Friday evening, October 13, at 7:30 o'clock. 237-31.